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For: SURFACE CROSSLINKING TREATMENT METHOD OF WATER-ABSORBING RESIN POWDER

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed June 17, 2004, it was noted that a copy of JP-A-2001-232734 was not presently available. The undersigned has since been advised by Applicants that JP-A-2001-232734 is the application number (not published), and has the same text as JP-A-2002-212204 (A1 publication). Both JP documents correspond to EP 1 178 059, previously submitted and in English. Therefore, a separate copy of 2001-232734 is not being provided.

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